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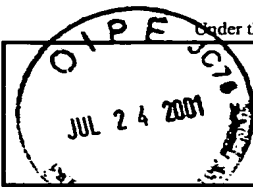
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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d),
(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09/003,423,
filed on January 6, 1998, entitled Method And Apparatus For Controlled Contraction of Collagen Tissue

NOTES

FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b); or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. Effective May 29, 2000, a CPA may only be filed in a utility or plant application if the prior nonprovisional application was filed before May 29, 2000. A CPA may be filed in a design application regardless of the filing date of the prior application. See "Request for Continued Examination Practice changes to a Provisional Application Final Practice," Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office (Apr. 11, 2000).

C-I-P NOT PERMITTED: A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 CFR 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

ACCESS TO PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA will be construed to include a waiver of confidentiality by the applicant under 35 U.S.C. 122 in the extent that any member of the public who is entitled under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.14 to access to, copies of, or information concerning, the prior application may be given similar access to, copies of, or similar information concerning, the other application or applications in the file jacket.

35 U.S.C. 120 STATEMENT: In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted, it will not be entered. A request for a CPA is the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and to every application assigned the application number identified in such request, 37 CFR 1.78(a).

1. ☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on _____
under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
2. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4).
 - a. ☐ **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:

 - b. ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
4. ☐ A new power of attorney or authorization of agent (PTO/SB/81) is enclosed.
5. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed.
 - a. ☐ PTO-1449
 - b. ☐ Copies of IDS Citations

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CLAIMS	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
	TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c) or (j))	23-20* =	2	r \$18.00=	\$ 36.00
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b) or (j))	1-3** =		r \$ _ =	0
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 CFR 1.16(d))			r \$0=	0
				BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16)	710.00
	Total of above Calculations =				746.00
	Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).				373.00
	*Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent. *Reissue independent claims over original patent.				
	TOTAL =				\$373.00

6. ☒ Small entity status: Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
7. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 23-2415:
- a. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.
- b. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.17.
- c. ☐ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.18.
8. ☐ A check in the amount of \$ _ is enclosed.
9. ☐ Applicant requests suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103(b) (fee under 37 CFR 1.17(j) enclosed).
- 10.a. ☐ Receipt for Facsimile Transmitted CPA (PTO/SB/29A)
- b. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (Should be specifically itemized, See MPEP 503)
11. ☒ Other: A two-month extension of time is hereby requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge \$195.00 (for a small entity) to Deposit Account No. 23-2415 (16904-726). Set of Pending Claims is attached.

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PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD

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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

(Column 1) (Column 2)

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INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1 minus 3 =	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT		

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	395.00	OR		790.00
x\$11=	27.00	OR	x\$22=	
x41=		OR	x82=	
+135=		OR	+270=	
TOTAL	382.00	OR	TOTAL	

CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM			

SMALL ENTITY		OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
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x\$11=		OR	x\$22=	
x41=		OR	x82=	
+135=		OR	+270=	
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x41=		OR	x82=	
+135=		OR	+270=	
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AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
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